

Monday August 30, 2010

Agenda

- Warm up #1
- Pass out reading books and workbooks
- Spelling

Homework Log

- Spelling workbook
pgs 2, 3, 4, 5, 6



due Wednesday

What you missed if you were absent yesterday...

- Discussion of reading class procedures
- Attendance Policy worksheet

Homework Log

- No additional assignment



Name _____

Date _____

JUNE BUGS

Have you ever seen a metallic green bug buzzing around in the summertime? You were probably looking at a June bug. June bugs get their name because they emerge as adults at the beginning of summer. It takes a year for a June bug to complete its full life cycle.

A June bug is an insect with six legs and is usually about 15 to 22 cm long. It has a dull, metallic-green body with wings. Its underside is light brown or black. The June bug is part of the beetle (coleopteran) family. This beetle can be found all over the United States, but it is prominent in the northeastern states. The beetle loves to feed on ripening fruit. They will gather in clusters and eat ripened apples, peaches, pears, or any other fruit. When the beetle is still a grub, it will feed on decaying matter, grass, and other plants. These grubs will also go underground to eat plants such as sweet potatoes and carrots.

In the past, a fun summer activity for many children was to catch June bugs. Children would tie a string to one of the legs and then let the June bug fly around while holding the string. This provided hours of entertainment for children. Some children still participate in this activity today.

STORY QUESTIONS

1. According to this reading passage, why would someone want to catch a June bug?
 - a. They are trying to keep the June bug from eating their plants.
 - b. The June bug can bring good luck.
 - c. The June bug can provide entertainment.
 - d. The June bug likes to live in captivity.
2. This passage is mostly about . . .
 - a. protecting your lawn and fruit trees from June bugs.
 - b. good extermination practices.
 - c. the anatomy of a June bug.
 - d. general information about June bugs.
3. According to the passage, what do adult June bugs eat?
 - a. They eat seeds and seedlings.
 - b. They eat ripening fruit.
 - c. They feed on the grass.
 - d. They dig underground to eat sweet potatoes and carrots.
4. How did the June bug get its name?
 - a. It is named after the famous first lady June Cleveland.
 - b. It is a cousin to the ladybug.
 - c. It lays its eggs in June.
 - d. It is an adult beetle in the summer months.